

# The State of Washington



## Proclamation

**WHEREAS**, Washington State is home to 29 federally recognized Indian tribes who play a vital role in the social, political, and economic fabric of the state; and

**WHEREAS**, members and descendants of tribes from all over the country also reside in the state of Washington; and

**WHEREAS**, the many contributions of American Indians have enhanced freedom, prosperity, and the cultural diversity of this state; and

**WHEREAS**, citizens of Washington are very proud of the history and heritage of American Indians in this state, and recognize their many contributions to the economy, culture, arts, natural resources, education, and industries; and

**WHEREAS**, Washington joins other states across the nation in celebrating American Indian Heritage Month in honor of this continent's First People and their unique heritage and acknowledging their valuable contributions to our nation;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Christine O. Gregoire, Governor of the state of Washington, do hereby proclaim November 2012 as

### *American Indian Heritage Month*

in Washington State, and I urge all citizens to join me in this special observance.

Signed this 25<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2012

*Chris Gregoire*  
Governor Christine O. Gregoire

